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REAL PARTY IN INTEREST

The real party in interest is the assignee Intel Corporation.

RELATED APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

None.

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-15 (Rejected).
Claim 19 (Canceled).
Claims 16-18, 20-30 (Allowed).

Claims 1-15 are rejected and are the subject of this Appeal Brief.

STATUS OF AMENDMENTS

All amendments have been entered.

SUMMARY OF CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER

In the following discussion, the independent claims are read on one of many possible embodiments without limiting the claims:

1. A cellular transceiver comprising:

a first digital decimation filter (142, Figure 14) with N bands; and
a second digital decimation filter (144, Figure 14) to reject N-1 bands coupled to
said first digital decimation filter adapted to implement a Global System for Mobile
communication mode (specification at page 14, lines 17-19 and page 15, lines 16-23).

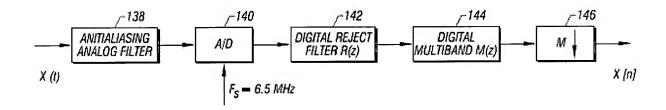


FIG. 14

At this point, no issue has been raised that would suggest that the words in the claims have any meaning other than their ordinary meanings. Nothing in this section should be taken as an indication that any claim term has a meaning other than its ordinary meaning.

GROUNDS OF REJECTION TO BE REVIEWED ON APPEAL

A. Are claims 1-15 unpatentable over Farhan?

ARGUMENT

A. Are claims 1-15 unpatentable over Farhan?

With respect to the objection that the variable N must be further limited, it is unclear why the variable N must be further limited. One skilled in the art would appreciate how best to select whatever variable N should be selected. There is no need to put any limitations, even if they are believed by the Examiner to be practical limitations, on the claims as one skilled in the art should be able to understand the claims.

With respect to the assertion that the phrase "adapted to" is not entitled to weight, it is noted that the argument that the claim really only describes the intended result of a step is inappropriate since there is no step described in the claim. Instead, the "adapted to" language does not merely cover the intended effect of a step, but, rather, is limited to that structure which is necessary to achieve that result since this is an apparatus claim. This is expressly sanctioned by new M.P.E.P. § 2173.075(g) (last paragraph) which expressly discusses "adapted to" language and indicates that the language should be interpreted to cover, at least in an apparatus setting, the corresponding structure needed to implement the function.

Applicant respectfully requests that each of the final rejections be reversed and that the claims subject to this Appeal be allowed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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CLAIMS APPENDIX

The claims on appeal are:

- A cellular transceiver comprising:

 a first digital decimation filter with N bands; and
 a second digital decimation filter to reject N-1 bands coupled to said first digital

 decimation filter adapted to implement a Global System for Mobile communication mode.
- 2. The transceiver of claim 1 wherein said first digital decimation filter may selectively implement a digital square-root-raised-cosine filter for a Wideband Code Division Multiple Access mode.
- 3. The transceiver of claim 2 when said first digital decimation filter and said second digital decimation filter are programmable tap filters.
- 4. The transceiver of claim 2 including a controller that selectively programs said first digital decimation filter to provide an output for a Wideband Code Division Multiple Access mode.
- 5. The transceiver of claim 4 wherein said first digital decimation filter is coupled to a controller that is programmable to cause said first digital decimation filter to output N bands for a Global System for Mobile communication mode.
- 6. The transceiver of claim 4 wherein said first digital decimation filter and said second digital decimation filter provide an output for a transceiver receiving a Global System for Mobile communication signal and said first digital decimation filter provides an output when the system is receiving a Wideband Code Division Multiple Access signal.
- 7. The transceiver of claim 6 wherein said first digital decimation filter is programmable to have either twenty-one or fifty-three taps.

- 8. The transceiver of claim 7 wherein said second digital decimation filter has twenty-seven taps.
- 9. The transceiver of claim 1 including a memory that provides less than all of the coefficients from said first filter to said second filter.
- 10. The transceiver of claim 8 wherein said memory provides less than all of the coefficients from said first digital decimation filter to said second digital decimation filter.
- 11. The transceiver of claim 1 wherein the output from said first digital decimation filter and the output from said second digital decimation filter are coupled to a multiplexer, the output of said multiplexer being selectively controllable depending on the nature of the cellular system.
- 12. The transceiver of claim 11 wherein the output of said multiplexer depends on whether the transceiver is utilized in a Global System for Mobile communication or a Wideband Code Division Multiple Access system.
- 13. The transceiver of claim 12 wherein said controller selects the output of the first digital decimation filter when the transceiver is located in a Wideband Code Division Multiple Access system and selects the output of the second digital decimation filter when the transceiver is in a Global System for Mobile communication system.
- 14. The transceiver of claim 13 wherein the output from said second digital decimation filter is a result of filtering by said first digital decimation filter and said second digital decimation filter.
- 15. The transceiver of claim 12 using the same anti-alias analog filter and analog-to-digital converter for both modes.

EVIDENCE APPENDIX

None.

RELATED PROCEEDINGS APPENDIX

None.